

### Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph spanning pages 6 and 7 to read:

The free spool comprises a circumferential array of combustor tubes 50 (FIG. 2). The tubes are held by a pair of fore and aft disks 52 and 54. At a forward end of a web 56 extending forward from the fore disk 52, a ball bearing system 58 connects the free spool to the high spool shaft. Similarly, at the aft end of a web 60 extending aft from the aft disk 54, a roller bearing system 62 connects the free spool to the high spool shaft ~~38~~ 40. The free spool further includes a disk 70 carrying the last stage blades 72 of the compressor section 30. In the exemplary embodiment, the three disks of the free spool are separately formed (e.g., via casting and machining) then securely fastened to each other (e.g., via bolting).